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Title: Regarding rise in prices of essential commodities.

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA (PANSKURA): The issue that I am raising now is an issue which should have been raised much earlier.

MR. SPEAKER: It is not a matter of mention here; price rise is an important issue.

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : I know that it is a concern. The position is unprecedented price rise is overtaking the country for more than a year, and every single item which is essential for livelihood is having a price rise. Dal is selling at Rs. 50; potato is selling at Rs. 15, and oil is selling at Rs. 60.

In the last session of the Parliament, the hon. Finance Minister had assured the House that Government would be taking all steps, including monetary steps, to ensure that price rise is contained at the earliest. The Government has failed to contain the price rise. Not only that, what is more important, the impoverished section of people, according to Government statistics, who constitute 86 crores, who are living on a meagre consumption level of Rs. 20, are the hard hit.

MR. SPEAKER: Do you want a discussion on this?

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : I want to give a Calling Attention Notice on this.

MR. SPEAKER: All right.

...(*Interruptions*)

श्री मोहन सिंह (देवरिया) : हमें भी इस पर असोसियेट करना है। ...(व्यवधान)

SHRI SUNIL KHAN (DURGAPUR): Sir, I wish to associate with what Shri Gurudas Das Gupta has stated. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: All of you are associating. The entire House is associating with what the hon. Member has stated.

...(*Interruptions*)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : अभी तो नोटिस की ज़रूरत चली गई। नोटिस की कोई ज़रूरत नहीं है। खड़े होने से ही काम हो जाएगा।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: Matters under Rule 377, listed for the day, are treated as laid on the Table of the House.[r11]